

## BIRSAY WAR MEMORIAL

Details of the World War dead listed on the Birsay War Memorial, with corrections, ranks, full first names, units or ships, date of death and age then added:

### 1916

Asst. Cook JAMES T. PHILLIPS      Waird, M.M.R., H.M.S. "Campania", 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1916, age 15.  
Pte. ALEXANDER F. AITKIN      Boardhouse, 9th Seaforths, 10<sup>th</sup> July 1916, age 24.  
2/Lieut. COLIN M. SELBIE      F.C. Manse, 9th Scottish Rifles, 14<sup>th</sup> July 1916, age 27.  
Pte. GEORGE R. SCARTH      Twatt, 49th (Alberta) Battalion, C.E.F., 9<sup>th</sup> October 1916, age 35.  
Pte. GEORGE F. HARVEY      Howquoy, 7th Seaforths, 12<sup>th</sup> October 1916, age 30.

### 1917

Pte. GEORGE S. DUTHIE      Oxtro, 1<sup>st</sup> Labour Company, Royal Scots Fusiliers, 19<sup>th</sup> April 1917, age 37.  
Pte. JOHN W. YORSTON      Dale, 1st Seaforths, 21<sup>st</sup> April 1917, age 34.  
Pte. JOHN SPENCE      Doverhouse, 50th (Alberta) Battalion, C.E.F., 10<sup>th</sup> May 1917, age 33.  
Gnr. J. VICTOR BIAS      Eastabest, 1st Brigade, Australian Field Artillery, 21<sup>st</sup> July 1917, age 30.  
Pte. JOHN NEWLANDS      Bigbreck, 1/6th Seaforths, 31<sup>st</sup> July 1917, age 35.  
Pte. ANDREW SCOTT      Mossiter, 2nd Seaforths, 4<sup>th</sup> October 1917, age 26.  
Rfmm. JOHN R. SPENCE      Makerhouse, 4th Rifle Battalion, N.Z.E.F., 12<sup>th</sup> October 1917, age 27.  
Deck Hand ALEX. MOAR      Briton, R.N.R., H.M. Trawler "Scarborough", 13<sup>th</sup> December 1917, age 37.  
Gnr. JACOB B. SABISTON      Grew, 431<sup>st</sup> Siege Battery, R.G.A., 18<sup>th</sup> December 1917, age 27.  
Pte. THOMAS SPENCE      Houseby, 8th Seaforths, 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1917, age 24.

### 1918

Gnr. JOHN W. SPENCE      Midhouse, Orkney Battery ?, R.G.A., 5<sup>th</sup> March 1918, age 37.  
Pte. WILLIAM A. D. FLETT      Millgoe, 1/5th Seaforths, 21<sup>st</sup> March 1918, age 21.  
Sjt. ALFRED FLETT      Glebe, 4th Rifle Battalion, N.Z.E.F., 12<sup>th</sup> September 1918, age 31.  
Pte. CHARLES S. BALLANTYNE      Q'Longa, 11th Scottish Rifles, 19<sup>th</sup> September 1918.  
Pte. WILLIAM FLETT      Glebe, 54th (Central Ontario) Battalion, C.E.F., 27<sup>th</sup> September 1918, age 34.  
Pte. GEORGE S. FLETT      Millgoe, 4th Reserve Seaforths, 12<sup>th</sup> December 1918, age 19.  
Pte. ERIC G. JOHNSTON      Waird, 9th Seaforths, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1918, age 21.  
Shoe Smith W.P.H. KIRKNESS      Glower, Royal Army Service Corps, 15<sup>th</sup> May 1920, age 29.

### 1939–45

Pte. SIDNEY PHILLIPS      1st Heavy Regiment, RA, 8<sup>th</sup> August 1944, age 25.  
Stkr. JOHN DELDAY      RN, HMS *Courageous*, 17<sup>th</sup> September 1939, age 43.  
Stkr. JAMES MOAR      RN, HMS *Royal Oak*, 14<sup>th</sup> October 1939, age 19.  
Baker EDITH GARSON      NAAFI, 4<sup>th</sup> April 1945, age 45.

### Born in Birsay, not listed on any Orkney war memorial

L/Sjt. JAMES N.G. FLETT      NZAC, 18th Regiment, N. Z. Armoured Corps, 25<sup>th</sup> May 1944, age 29.